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FORT DEFIANCE MAN INDICTED FOR BANK EMBEZZLEMENT

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera and Guadalupe Gonzalez , Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division of the FBI, announced today that **MARTIN GERWITZ**, 33, of Fort Defiance, Arizona, was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 29, 2000, and charged with three counts of Bank Embezzlement.

GERWITZ is accused of embezzling from his former employer, Norwest Bank. The indictment alleges that on November 12, 1998, **GERWITZ** embezzled \$2,000 from Norwest Bank. It also alleges that on December 4, 1998, and July 23, 1999, he embezzled \$1,500.

If convicted, the maximum penalty is up to 30 years imprisonment and up to a \$1 million dollar fine, or both. An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by the U. S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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